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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on May 3, 2005, Applicants elect Species 2, the embodiment with a septum and ball valve including at least claims 1-5, 8-43, and 46-56. This election is without traverse.

The Examiner has designated claim 1 as generic to all of the claims. Applicants assert that claims 2-5, 10-43, and 48-56 are also generic to the species identified by the Examiner, as either the septum and ball valve of Species 2 or the plunger valve of non-elected Species 1 is included within the scope of these claims. Further, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to have claims 6, 7, 44 and 45, which are readable on the non-elected species, considered in this application should any of the generic claims from which they depend be allowed.

In light of the preceding, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be greatly appreciated. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney of record if he believes that such a call would materially advance the prosecution and eventual allowance of the present application.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the submission of this Response. If any fee is due, the Commissioner may charge appropriate fees to H.T. Than Law Group, Deposit Account No. 50-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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